(c) if so, the reason for such a deviation;

(d) whether any guidelines have been framed by the Government keeping in view the recent judgement of a judicial Magistrate of Delhi in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Existing laws do not provide for regulation of satellite TV chananels uplinked from outside the country.

(b) and (c) Two advertisements being telecast on Doordarshan which were found to be objectionable were stopped/ modified after the intervention of the former Minister for Information & Broadcasting by Doordarshan.

(d) and (e) Consequent on the orders passed by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. Delhi Doordarshan issued instructions to all its Kendras to ensure that no adult movie or its songs of adult certified songs and telecast on Doordarshan channels.

Australian Offer for Treatment of Filaria

*268 SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the States where filaria cases are on the increase;

(b) the treatment made available in the country for filaria;

(c) whether Australia has offered its help for filaria treatment;

(d) if so, the details of the offer from Australia; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) As reported by the state health authorities, increase in filaria cases during 1995 over the previous year has been noticed in the state of Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, A&N Islands and Tamil Nadu.

(b) anti-filaria drug Di-Ethyl Carbamazine is used for treatment of filaria cases in India at present.

(c) No such proposal has been received recently by the Directorate of National Malaria Eradiction programme.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Provisions for Opening Bank Account

*269. SHRI TARA CAARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whethar attaching photographs with request format at the time of opening of new account in public/private sector banks has been made compulsory;

(b) whether attachment of photographs at the time of opening-account either for Recurring Deposit of Fixed Deposit has also been made compulsory for existing account holders of public/private sector banks;

(c) whether new provisions have also made campulsory to bring the introducer in person at the time of opening new accounts; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have advised all commerical banks (excluding RRBs) vide their circular dated 6.12.93 to introduce the practice of obtaining photographs of the depositors/account holders who are authorised to open the said account at the time of opeing of all new operative accounts w.e.f. 1.1.1994.

In the light of representations received by RBI from members of public/banks expressing certain difficulties in complying with the requirement of photographs and hardships being faced by the small depositors, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, some relation was made in RBI's earlier instructions and banks were advised on 10.9.94 not to insist on photographs in following cases:

(i) New savings bank accounts where cheque facility is not provided, and

(ii) Fixed and other term deposits upto and inclusive of an amount of Rs. 10,000/-

Further, if a depositor has a term deposit of less than Rs. 10,000/-but he/she is also having a savings bank accounts with cheque facility or a current account, it will be necessary to have the photograph of the depositor.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per the established banking procedure, all deposit accounts are required to be properly introduced. When an account holder does not personally call at the branch to introduce an account, the fact of his having introduced a new account has to be got confirmed by him in writing.

(d) Does not arise.

Request of private airlines to be allowed on international routes

*270. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the action taken on representation by private airlines to allow them to operate on international routes not covered by the Air India and Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): Under the existing policy, private airlines are not designated for scheduled international operations. No private airline has come forward to operate scheduled passenger services on routes which are not operated by national carriers.

Amendments to Succession Act for benefiting Christians

*271. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state whether Government would take the initiative to make suitable amendments to the Succession Act so that the benefits enjoyed by Hindus as to wills may not be denied to Ghristians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): The question of undertaking Parliamentary legislation for amending the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the purpose will be considered by the Central Government as and when the necessary initiative for such changes comes from the Christian community itself.

Private Placement of Loanable Fund by ICICI, UTI and IDBI

*272. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of private placement of loanable funds by the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India, the Unit Trust of India and the Industrial Development Bank of India during 1993-94 & 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the case of each institution and for each of the mentioned years the proportion of private placements going to the Railiance Group of Industries; and

(c) whether any general guidelines have been laid down for participation in such private placements by public financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per the information provided by Industrial Credit and investment Coporation of India Ltd. (ICICI), Unit Trust of India (UTI) and Industrial